

that the responsibility for the management of the institutions be left in the hands of *Dharmadarsis*. It is therefore prayed that the existing rules on the subject be modified.

Reply of Government.—The committee appointed to study and report upon Muzrai matters have also considered this question and submitted their proposals. The revised rules are under the consideration of Government and will be passed early.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Payments for works done in the Muzrai Department.

Messrs. Ramaswamiengar and Dodda Payanna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under the present system, estimates for works to Muzrai institutions are being sanctioned by Government. The work bills are paid after they are passed by Government and this occasions long delay in the payment of such bills. Consequently it is difficult to find contractors to take up the works, and the sanctioned amounts for some of these works lapse, as the works are not undertaken for years together. To obviate these difficulties, it is prayed that the amounts of the estimates may be placed at the credit of the Deputy Commissioners, and that they may be empowered to pass such bills and make payments for works executed and that the limit of the Deputy Commissioner's power of sanction may be raised from Rs. 50 to Rs. 250.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit brought to notice that measurements are not promptly taken by the Taluk Sanitary Inspector owing to his multifarious duties and that the remedy lies in having a separate Work Inspector for each taluk.

Reply of Government.—The grant of higher powers to Deputy Commissioners to sanction repairs of institutions and to pass bills is under consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Jatra collections of temples.

Messrs. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk, Dhalappa and Narasimhaiya, Anekal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The surplus collections from the jatras of temples may, subject to the control of a committee appointed therefor, be utilised for providing quarters and other conveniences to the pilgrims that attend the jatras.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao added that during jatras particularly at Magadi and Sugganahalli, a great deal of difficulty is being experienced for want of drinking water for cattle and accommodation for persons and animals collecting there, etc., and requested that necessary conveniences may be provided in the matter.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 164.

Repairs to Muzrai institutions.

Mr. Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For petty repairs to Muzrai institutions, sanction of funds has to be obtained from the Muzrai Secretary. This procedure involves delay

which in its turn leads to greater repairs becoming necessary. It is therefore prayed that Deputy Commissioners may be empowered to sanction amounts up to Rs. 500.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 162.

SUBJECT No. 165.

Concession in the case of lands endowed by private persons to temples.

Mr. Chandrasekhariah, Nanjangud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that an order be issued that if any man who is willing to make a gift of lands to any charitable institution, applies for lands, the same may be given at an upset price of Rs. 50 per acre in the case of wet lands. By these means *banjar* lands will be brought under cultivation.

The member cited the special case of Lakshmikanthaswami temple at Kalale, Nanjangud taluk, which being an ancient and important Muzrai institution deserves the concession prayed for.

Reply of Government.—Not possible always. Individual cases will be disposed of on their merits. (The grant of the concession to the Kalale temple will be considered.)

SUBJECT No. 166.

Mahomedan Muzrai Supervisor.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—Government may be pleased to appoint a special Mahomedan Supervisor under the Muzrai Superintendent for supervising the various Muslim Muzrai institutions.

The proposer added that as a number of endowments for Mussalman institutions are not being properly administered there is necessity for the appointment of a Mussalman Supervisor at least for some years to enquire into cases and suggest measures for the improvement of the institutions.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The question will be considered in connection with the re-organization of the Muzrai Department.

SUBJECT No. 167.

Scholarships to Mahomedan students for religious education.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that scope may be given to Mahomedan students to proceed to Northern India and study higher branches of Persian and Arabic literature, religion and philosophy, and that on their return they might be appointed to important offices such as Nazim, Khazi, etc., of Mussalman institutions.

Reply of Government.—A few special scholarships will be given in deserving cases.

SUBJECT No. 168.

His Highness the Maharaja's *chattram* in the Benares City.

Messrs. V. Rangaswamiengar and B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam taluk, K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk, Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore City Municipal Council and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The *chattram* in Benares is situated in an insignificant lane which renders it difficult for pilgrims to find out where it is. The building is not kept clean and the accommodation is not satisfactory. It is therefore suggested that as the institution at present serves no useful purpose, it may be shifted to a more prominent locality, and arrangements made for pilgrims being treated with courtesy.